A DECLARATION AND RESOLVTION OF THE Lords and Commons IN PARLIAMENT.

CONCERNING

His Maieſties late Proclamation for the ſuppreſsing of the preſent Rebellion under the Command of ROBERT *Earle of* Eſſex; *And the gracious offer of His Maieſties free Pardon to him, and all ſuch of his Adherents as ſhall within ſix dayes after the date thereof lay downe their Armes.*

Gr. Brit. -- Parliament

ORdered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That this Declaration be forthwith Printed and publiſhed.

H. Elſynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

London, Printed by *F. Leach* for *Edward Husbands*, and *John Franck*, and are to be ſold at their ſhops in the middle Temple, and the next door to the Kings-head in *Fleetſtreet*. *Auguſt*. 15. 1642.

A DECLARATION and Resolution of the Lords and Commons in Parliament.

THe Lords and Commons having received in a Letter from His Majestie a printed paper, intituled, *A Proclamation for the suppessing of the present Rebellion, under the Command of* Robert *Earle of* Essex, *and the gracous offer of His Maiesties free Pardon to him, and all such of his adherents, as shall within sixe dayes after the date thereof, lay downe their Armes*; Do publish and declare, that the matter of this Libellous and Scandalous paper, is the venome of those Trayterous Councellors about His Majestie long since discovered, and so often complained of by both Houses of Parliament, who having for many yeares together carried on a wicked Designe, to alter Religion, and to introduce Popery, Superstition, and Ignorance, (the ready way to an Arbitrary and Ty-

ranicall Government) and for that purpoſe not only maintained Agents at *Rome*; but invited and Procured ſundry Nunicos or Agents to be ſent into this Kingdom from the Pope, by which means Popery and Superſtition was ſo farr advanced, That nothing but the convening of this Parliament (occaſioned by the coming of the *Scots*) could in all humane reaſon have prevented them in their Deſigne, the onely true reaſon, why theſe miſcheivous Councellors maligning that power which oppoſes it ſelfe againſt their deſtructive and horrid Councells, have now at laſt as the Maſter-peice of all their Machinations, adviſed His Maieſty in effect, to proclaime at once His Houſe of Peers, the Hereditary Councellours of the Kingdome, and His Houſe of Commons the repreſentative body of the whole Commons of the Kingdome, to be all Rebels and Traitors: And by that paper have endeavoured ſo far to blinde the eys of the people, as to make them guilty of their own deſtruction, by helping to ſubdue and deſtroy the Parliament (the onely means under God to preſerve their Religion, Law, and Liberties) and to perſwade the Kingdome, that His Maieſty by the aſſiſtance of Papiſts, and perſons Popiſhly affected, will maintaine the Proteſtant Religion, That by the helpe of men out-lawed and of deſperate fortunes, will maintaine the Lawes of the Land, and with fugitives from Parliament. And Traitors and Delinquents to the Parliament, will preſerve the Priviledges thereof, an attempt ſo deſperate and ſo tranſcendantly wicked,

ked; That the Lords and Commons do unanimouſly publiſh and Declare, That all they who have adviſed, contrived, abetted, or countenanced, or hereafter ſhall abett and countenance the ſaid Proclamation, to be Traytors & Enemies to God, the King, & Kingdom, and to be guilty of the higheſt degree of Treaſon that can be committed againſt the King and Kingdom, and that they will by the aſſiſtance of Almightie God, and of all honeſt Engliſh Proteſtants, & lovers of their Countrie, do their beſt endeavours (even to the utmoſt hazard of their Lives and Fortunes) to bring all ſuch unparralled Traytors to a ſpeedy and exemplary puniſhment: And whereas the Lords and Commons in Parliament did formerly chuſe the Earle of *Eſſex* to be Captain Generall of ſuch forces, as are or ſhall be raiſed for the maintenance and preſervation of the true Proteſtant Religion, the Kings Perſon, the Lawes of the Land, the Peace of the Kingdome, the Liberty and Propertie of the Subiect, and the Rights and Priviledges of Parliament; The ſaid Lords and Commons do now Declare, That they will maintaine and aſſiſt him, and adhere unto him the ſaid Earle with their lives and eſtates, in the ſame cauſe, as in Conſcience and duty to God, the King, and their country, they are bound to doe.

And laſtly, the Lords and Commons doe further Declare, That notwithſtanding thoſe wicked councells which inclined His Maieſtie to make War againſt our Brethren of *Scotland*, and by Prayers and Procla-

Proclamations read in Churches, to pronounce them Rebells and Traytors that withheld His Majeſtie from ſetting forth any Proclamation againſt thoſe bloody and barbarous Rebels in *Ireland* till January laſt, although the Rebellion brake forth the 23 of October before; and notwithſtanding the importunity of both Houſes of Parliament, that a Declaration might iſſue to that purpoſe, have now adviſed, and prevailed with His Majeſtie by this Proclamation, to invite His Subiects to deſtroy His Parliament, and good people, by a civill War, and by that means to bring ruine, confuſion, and perpetual ſlavery upon the ſurviving part of a then wretched Kingdom: Yet the Lords and Commons, to witneſſe their conſtant and unſhaken loyalty and affection to His Majeſtie, do ſolemnly declare, That if His Majeſtie ſhall immediately disband all His forces, and be pleaſed to abandon thoſe wicked Councellours, and leave them to condigne puniſhment, and return and hearken to the wholſome advice of His great Councell, they will really endeavour to make both His Maieſtie and His Poſterity, as greate, rich and potent, as much beloved at home and feared abroad, as any Prince that ever ſwayed this Scepter; Which is their firm and conſtant Reſolution.

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Auguſti 13. 1642.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That this Declaration bee forthwith Printed and pulished.

H: Elſynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.